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SUBJECT: QUAI CONCERN ABOUT DRAFT THIRD COUNTRY BRIEFING
ON STATUS OF BERLIN

1. PLAISANT, QUAI DIRECTOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS,
WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING
IN BONN, CALLED TO EXPRESS "PERSONAL AND INFORMAL
CONCERN" OVER THE DRAFT PAPER ON BERLIN STATUS FOR THIRD
COUNTRY USE NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN BONN PURSUANT TO OSLO
MINISTERIAL.

2. PLAISANT RECALLED FRENCH HAD NEVER BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC
THIS PROJECT, BUT HAD DECIDED NOT OPPOSE IT. PRELIMINARY
U.S. DRAFT HE HAD BEEN SHOWN HAD, HOWEVER, REAWAKENED
HIS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY SINCE FRENCH HAD LOST TIME IN
COMMENTING. IN ESSENCE PLAISANT SAID DRAFT WAS "MUCH TOO
LONG AND TECHNICAL", AND NOT SUFFICIENTLY CONCISE TO
SERVE INTENDED PURPOSE OF ENLARGING INTEREST IN AND
COMPREHENSION OF BERLIN ISSUE IN COUNTRIES NOW LARGELY
INDIFFERENT AND UNINFORMED. FRENCH HOPE FINAL PRODUCT
WILL BE SHORT AND CLEAR-CUT.

3. PLAISANT ADDED THAT HE WAS MAKING POINT INFORMALLY
IN PARIS TO REINFORCE COMMENTS NEW FRENCH REP HAD BEEN
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INSTRUCTED MAKE IN BONN GROUP AND HOPED THIS WOULD NOT

BE TAKEN AMISS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE HAD NOT SEEN
DRAFT PAPER IN QUESTION BUT WOULD CONVEY PLAISANT'S
VIEW AS HE HAD REQUESTED.RUSH

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